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In view of report that 1,000 peasants had surrounded residential enclosure of United Fruit Company managerial personnel at Tincisate and apparently intended to search houses, Krieg called on Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Cadena, this morning on my instructions and pointed out danger of having irresponsible persons perform police functions. Krieg said he was sure Guatemalan Government, like USA, would not (repeat not) desire any incident at this time which might make existing bad situation worse.

Cadena said he would inform Foreign Minister at once and that latter could communicate with police.

While I doubt Foreign Office can do much in existing situation even assuming maximum goodwill, Guatemalan authorities have at least been put on notice we expect adequate protection for our nationals.

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